

TABLE 66. Statistical profile of doctorate recipients in humanities fields, by sex and field of study: 2011

Characteristic	All humanities fields	Foreign language/literature	History	Letters	Other humanities
All doctorate recipients (number)	5,214	646	1,066	1,515	1,987
Sex (%)					
Male	48.5	38.4	55.0	40.7	54.2
Female	51.5	61.6	45.0	59.3	45.8
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Citizenship (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	80.4	66.1	83.8	85.1	79.6
Temporary visa holder	14.4	27.9	12.3	10.4	14.2
Unknown	5.2	6.0	3.9	4.5	6.2
Marital status (%)					
Never married	25.3	27.6	25.0	23.9	25.9
Married	49.2	45.4	53.2	50.2	47.7
Marriage-like relationship	10.0	10.1	9.0	11.1	9.8
Separated, divorced, widowed	5.5	7.4	5.7	5.3	4.8
Unknown	9.9	9.6	7.1	9.5	11.8
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^a	52.2	47.2	57.3	45.9	56.0
Master's earned (%)	84.9	86.7	86.7	86.3	82.2
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.2	34.5	34.3	33.7	34.8
Time to doctorate (median years)					
From bachelor's	11.0	11.0	11.2	10.6	11.5
From graduate school start	9.3	9.2	9.2	8.9	9.7
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,528	248	586	617	1,077
Citizenship (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	80.1	66.5	83.1	84.9	78.9
Temporary visa holder	14.2	27.8	11.8	10.4	14.5
Unknown	5.7	5.6	5.1	4.7	6.6
Marital status (%)					
Never married	24.1	27.8	23.7	21.2	25.1
Married	53.5	46.8	56.1	56.4	52.0
Marriage-like relationship	9.1	12.1	8.2	9.4	8.7
Separated, divorced, widowed	3.8	5.6	4.1	3.6	3.3
Unknown	9.5	7.7	7.8	9.4	10.9
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^a	53.6	46.4	59.2	46.2	56.4
Master's earned (%)	84.5	89.1	86.2	84.4	82.5
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.6	35.8	34.6	33.8	34.9
Time to doctorate (median years)					
From bachelor's	11.0	11.1	11.2	10.6	11.3
From graduate school start	9.3	8.8	9.3	9.0	9.7
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,686	398	480	898	910
Citizenship (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	80.6	65.8	84.6	85.3	80.3
Temporary visa holder	14.6	27.9	12.9	10.4	13.8
Unknown	4.8	6.3	2.5	4.3	5.8
Marital status (%)					
Never married	26.5	27.4	26.5	25.7	26.9
Married	45.2	44.5	49.6	45.9	42.5
Marriage-like relationship	10.9	8.8	10.0	12.2	11.1
Separated, divorced, widowed	7.0	8.5	7.7	6.6	6.5
Unknown	10.3	10.8	6.3	9.6	13.0

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Characteristic	All humanities fields	Foreign language/ literature	History	Letters	Other humanities
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^a	51.0	47.7	55.0	45.7	55.6
Master's earned (%)	85.3	85.2	87.3	87.6	81.9
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.0	33.9	33.9	33.6	34.7
Time to doctorate (median years)					
From bachelor's	11.0	10.9	11.3	10.7	11.6
From graduate school start	9.2	9.3	9.0	8.8	9.7

^a A bachelor's degree is counted as "in same field as doctorate" if fields of study of doctorate recipient's bachelor's degree and doctorate degree are both in same major field category of NSF's field of study taxonomy. See appendix A, table A-6, for listing of major fields and their constituent subfields.

NOTE: Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100.

SOURCE: NSF/NIH/USED/USDA/NEH/NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2011.